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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned hereby states:

That no item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making a reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of said Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents are submitted herewith.

The Examiner is requested to note that the listed PCT applications claim benefit of corresponding U.S. applications as listed below:

- (1) PCT/US99/25370 (WO 00/24940) claims benefit of U.S. Prov. Appln. No. 60/106,038, filed October 28, 1998, and U.S. Prov. Appln. No. 60/150,493, filed August 24, 1999;
- (2) PCT/US99/06488 (WO 99/49083) claims benefit of U.S. Appln. No. 09/046,894, filed March 24, 1998);

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- (3) PCT/US99/15829 (WO 00/04187) claims benefit of U.S. Appln. No. 09/114,825, filed July 14, 1998;
- (4) PCT/US99/18950 (WO 00/14281) claims benefit of U.S. Appln. No. 09/138,195, filed August 21, 1998;
- (5) PCT/US99/23579 (WO 00/22168) claims benefit of U.S. Appln. No. 09/170,640, filed October 13, 1998;
- (6) PCT/US99/24070 (WO 00/22172) claims benefit of U.S. Prov. Appln. No. 60/104,179, filed October 13, 1998; and
- (7) PCT/US99/25693 (WO 00/26412) claims benefit of U.S. Prov. Appln. No. 60/106,655, filed November 2, 1998.

Applicants request that the Examiner review the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's files to determine whether any of the U.S. applications are pending and are relevant to the present application.

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, and therefore Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a

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competent reference against the claims of the present

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